

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image recording apparatus comprising:

a connector through which a motion image is inputted;

a memory in which an image of the motion image inputted through the connector, which constructs one frame, is stored as a still image;

a display device on which the image is displayed;

an image signal switching circuit for switching the motion image inputted through the connector and the still image read from the memory, and outputting a selected one to the display device;

an operation section for instructing the image signal switching circuit to switch an image to be displayed on the display device, and for instructing start of image recording;

a recording control circuit for, when the operation section instructs to switch an image to be displayed on the display device, if an image displayed on the display device is switched to the still image by the image signal switching circuit, setting the image recording mode to a still image recording mode interlockingly with the display of the still image, and if an image displayed on the display device is switched to the motion image by the image signal switching circuit, setting the image recording mode to a motion image recording mode interlockingly with the display of the motion image; and

a recording processing circuit for, when the operation section instructs image recording, if an image displayed on the display device is switched to the still image by the image signal switching circuit, recording the still image in the still image recording mode onto a predetermined recording medium, and if an image displayed on the display device is switched to the motion image by the image signal switching circuit, recording the motion image in the motion image recording mode onto the predetermined recording medium.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the recording control circuit includes an information memory in which information indicating whether an image outputted to the display device via the image signal switching circuit is a still image or a motion image is stored; and the recording control circuit automatically determines a recording mode of recording processing by the recording processing circuit by referring to the information stored in the information memory indicating whether a still image or a motion image when the operation section instructs image recording.

5. (Original) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein: the recording processing circuit includes a motion image compressing processing circuit that compresses a motion image, and a still image compressing processing circuit that compresses a still image; and the recording processing circuit compresses the motion image or still image according to a recording mode set by the recording control circuit.

6. (Previously Presented) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when the operation section instructs start of image recording, the recording control circuit instructs updating of a still image stored in the memory according to the state of the image signal switching circuit, and instructs the recording circuit to record the still image updated.
7. (Withdrawn) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a second connector, through which a motion image is inputted, in addition to the connector, and an input switching circuit that switches a motion image received through the connector and a motion image received through the second connector.
8. (Withdrawn) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a thumbnail image producing unit that produces thumbnail images according to a plurality of images recorded on the recording medium.
9. (Original) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a graphic processor for producing graphic image data in response to an instruction from the recording control circuit, wherein the image signal switching circuit outputs graphic image data generated in the graphic processor to the display device.
10. (Withdrawn) An image recording apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising a graphic processor that displays an image designation mark on a thumbnail image in response to an instruction from the remote controller.
11. (Withdrawn) An image recording apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the graphic processor produces a menu screen to adjust a displayed image, and the remote controller includes a switch that instructs display of the menu screen, and a lever switch that selects the display item corresponding to arrangement of a display item in the menu screen.

12. (Withdrawn) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a reproducing processing circuit for reading an image recorded on the recording medium to display the read image on the display device.

13. (Withdrawn) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when an image recorded on the recording medium is a compressed image, the reproducing processing circuit reads the image from the recording medium to decompress the image.

14. (Original) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a voice recording processing circuit that records a voice signal.

15. (Original) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the remaining storage capacity of the recording medium, which is available for storage of information, is detected to be indicated.

16. (Currently Amended) An image recording apparatus comprising:

an image selecting circuit for selecting either of a motion image and a still image that are outputted;

a display device on which the motion image or the still image selected by the image selecting circuit is displayed;

an operation section for instructing the image selecting circuit to select an image to be displayed on the display device, and for use in instructing start of image recording;

a recording control circuit for, when the operation section instructs to switch an image to be displayed on the display device, if an image displayed on the display device is switched to the still image by the image selecting circuit, setting the image recording mode to a still image recording mode interlockingly with the display of the still image, and if an image displayed on the display device is switched to the motion image by the image selecting circuit setting the

image recording mode to a motion image recording mode interlockingly with the display of the motion image;

a recording processing circuit for, when the operation section instructs image recording, if an image displayed on the display device is switched to the still image by the image selecting circuit, recording the still image in the still image recording mode onto a predetermined recording medium, and if an image displayed on the display device is switched to the motion image by the image selecting circuit, recording the motion image in the motion image recording mode onto the predetermined recording medium; and

an image recording medium onto which an image is recorded by the recording processing circuit.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) An image recording apparatus according to claim 16, further comprising a still image producing circuit that produces a still image from a motion image, wherein the motion image and the still image produced by the still image producing circuit are outputted to the image selecting circuit.

20. (Original) An image recording apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the still image producing circuit is comprised of a memory in which a still image constructing one frame is stored.

21. (Currently Amended) An image recording method to be implemented in an image recording apparatus having the ability to select one of a motion image and a still image, the selection performed by an image selecting circuit to output the selected image to a display device, the image recording method comprising:

a recording starting step of instructing start of image recording;

a displayed image judging step for judging whether an image selected by the image selecting circuit and displayed on the display device is the still image or the motion image;

a recording mode setting step for, if the displayed image judging step judges that the image displayed on the displayed device is the still image, setting the image recording mode to a still image recording mode interlockingly with the display of the still image, and if the displayed image judging step judges that the image displayed on the display device is the motion image, setting the image recording mode to a motion image recording mode interlockingly with the display of the motion image; and

a recording processing step of recording an image displayed on the display device onto a recording medium according to the result of setting at the recording mode setting step.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) An image recording method according to claim 21, further comprising a still image updating step of, when the displayed image is judged to be the motion image at the displayed image judging step, updating the still image, and a still image recording step of setting the image recording mode to a still image recording mode for recording the still image updated.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) An image recording apparatus comprising:

a connector through which a motion image is inputted;

a memory in which an image of the motion image inputted through the connector, which constructs one frame, is stored as a still image;

a display image on which the image is displayed;

an image signal switching circuit for switching the motion image inputted through the connector and the still image read from the memory, and outputting a selected one to the display device;

a recording control circuit for, if an image displayed on the display device is switched to the still image by the image signal switching circuit, setting the image recording mode to a still image recording mode interlockingly with the display of the still image, and if an image displayed on the display device is switched to the motion image by the image signal switching circuit, setting the image recording mode to a motion image recording mode interlockingly with the display of the motion image; and

a recording processing circuit for, if an image displayed on the display device is switched to the still image by the image signal switching circuit, recording the still image in the still image recording mode onto a predetermined recording medium, and if an image displayed on the displayed device is switched to the motion image by the image signal switching circuit, recording the motion image in the motion image recording mode onto the predetermined recording medium.

26. (Previously Presented) An image recording apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein: the recording control circuit includes an information memory in which information indicating whether an image outputted to the display device via the image signal switching circuit is a still image or a motion image is stored; and

the recording control circuit, when recording an image, automatically determines a recording mode of recording processing by the recording processing circuit by referring to information stored in the information memory indicating whether said image is a still image or a motion image.

27. (Previously Presented) An image recording apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein the recording processing circuit includes a motion image compressing processing circuit that compresses a motion image, and a still image compressing processing circuit that compresses a still image; and the recording processing circuit compresses the motion image or still image according to a recording mode set by the recording control circuit.

28. (Previously Presented) An image recording apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein when starting image recording, the recording control circuit instructs updating of a still image stored in the memory according to the state of the image signal switching circuit, and instructs the recording circuit to record the still image updated.

29. (Previously Presented) An image recording apparatus according to Claim 25, further comprising a graphic processor for producing graphic image data in response to an instruction from the recording control circuit, wherein the image signal switching circuit outputs graphic image data generated in the graphic processor to the display device.

30. (Previously Presented) An image recording apparatus according to Claim 25, further comprising a voice recording processing circuit that records a voice signal.

31. (Previously Presented) An image recording apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein the remaining storage capacity of the recording medium, which is available for storage of information, is detected to be indicated.

32. (Currently Amended) An image recording apparatus comprising:

an image selecting circuit for selecting either of a motion image and a still image that are outputted;

a display device on which the motion image or the still image selected by the image selecting circuit is displayed;

a recording control circuit for, if the image displayed on the display device is switched to the still image by the image selecting circuit, setting the image recording mode to a still image recording mode interlockingly with the display of the still image, and if the image displayed on the display device is switched to the motion image by the image selecting circuit, setting the image recording mode to a motion image recording mode interlockingly with the display of the motion image;

a recording processing circuit for, if an image displayed on the display device is switched to the still image by the image selecting circuit, recording the still image in the still image recording mode onto a predetermined recording medium, and if an image displayed on the display device is switched to the motion image by the image selecting circuit, recording the motion image in the motion image recording mode onto the predetermined recording medium;
and

an image recording medium onto which an image is recorded by the recording processing circuit.

33. (Previously Presented) An image recording apparatus according to Claim 32, further comprising the still image producing circuit that produces a still image from the motion image, wherein the motion image and the still image produced by the still image producing circuit are outputted to the image selecting circuit.

34. (Previously Presented) An image recording apparatus according to Claim 32, wherein the still image producing circuit is comprised of a memory in which a still image constructing one frame is stored.